

Recently Philips Respironics issued a medical device recall on all CPAP and BiPAP devices manufactured before April 26th, 2021. **This recall is related to the possibility of the sound abatement foam degrading and the risk of some degraded foam fragments getting into the airway circuit.** This recall affects all models and serial numbers of their devices. At the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System, your safety and care are our top priority. In response to this recall, our current guidance is as follows: **unless notified otherwise by your sleep provider, please continue to use your PAP device.**

We ask that you --

1. Register your machine with Philips Respironics to see if it is included in the recall at:
<https://www.usa.philips.com/healthcare/e/sleep/communications/src-update>
 - The website provides instructions on how to locate your device's serial number and will guide you through the process. If you need additional assistance, please call 1-877-907-7508.
2. If you have a model unit that is not listed on the recall list and you would like to get it evaluated, call the SAVAHCS CPAP Clinic (phone number below).
3. Of concern in the context of this recall is the use of Ozone cleaners, such as the ones seen on TV, which we have never recommended. **If using SoClean, Ozone cleaners and/or UV Lights to clean your CPAP, please discontinue use of these products immediately.**

Continue to clean the device per the instructions provided to you by the SAVAHCS CPAP Clinic Staff and listed in the device instruction manual.

Cleaning instructions:

Daily Cleaning

Wipe down your mask using a damp towel with mild detergent and warm water. Gently wipe with a clean towel and let the mask air-dry. If your unit has a humidifier, empty any leftover water instead of letting it sit in the unit all day. Refill the humidifier with clean, distilled water right before bedtime.

Weekly Cleaning

Your mask and tubing need a full bath once a week to keep it free of dust and germs. Clean the CPAP tubing, nasal mask and headgear in a bathroom sink filled with warm water and a few drops of ammonia-free, mild dish detergent. Swirl all parts around for about five minutes, rinse well and let air dry during the day. The mask and headgear can be air-dried on a towel or hung on a hook or hanger.

Every other week you should disinfect the humidifier. Do that by soaking it in a solution of one-part vinegar to five parts water for 30 minutes, thoroughly rinsing and then placing in your dishwasher's top rack for washing. And keep it clean by using only distilled water to prevent mineral deposits that can build up and cause damage to your machine.

The CPAP Clinic staff are available for additional questions and concerns through *the Respiratory Therapy Group* in MyHealtheVet or you can contact the CPAP Clinic at (520) 792-1450 ext 14596.

We are monitoring developments closely and will update our guidance to you as warranted.